

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently amended)** A cowl for use in a fly fishing rod assembly, the fly fishing assembly including an elongated rod, a reel seat body on one end of the rod for receiving the reel, the reel seat body having a top and sides, a reel on the bottom of the reel seat body, an up locking reel lock for locking ~~one~~ a first end of the reel on the reel seat body, a fixed ring for locking a second end of the reel on the reel seat body, ~~the fixed ring having a top and sides~~, a rod handle, said cowl comprising:  
a semi-cylindrical body having top and side surfaces adapted to be joined with the rod handle, said semi-cylindrical body adapted to partially surround portions of ~~the top and sides of the fixed ring and the reel seat body~~ adjacent the reel and extend past the fixed ring toward the up locking reel lock thereby covering a portion of the reel seat body.
2. **(Currently amended)** A cowl according to claim 1, wherein said top surface of said semi-cylindrical body and said side surfaces of said semi-cylindrical body have a convex trailing top end and side-convex bottom edges, respectively.
3. **(Original)** A cowl according to claim 2, further comprising a flange extending between said convex side edges adjacent the reel, wherein said flange prevents sliding of the hand of a user against the reel.
4. **(Original)** A cowl according to claim 3, wherein said cowl is adapted to be removably joined with the rod handle.
5. **(Currently amended)** A fly fishing rod handle for use in a fly fishing rod assembly, the fly fishing assembly including an elongated rod, a reel seat body having a top and sides on one end of the rod for receiving the reel, a reel on the bottom of the reel seat body, an up locking reel lock for locking one end of the reel on the reel seat body, a fixed ring for locking a second end of the reel on the reel seat body, ~~the fixed ring having a top and sides~~, said fly fishing rod handle comprising:  
an elongated sleeve;; and

a semi-cylindrical cowl having top and side surfaces, said semi-cylindrical cowl joined with said elongated sleeve, said semi-cylindrical cowl adapted to (i) ~~partially surround portions of the top and sides of the fixed ring and the reel seat body adjacent the reel,~~ (ii) extend past the fixed ring toward the up locking reel lock, and ~~(iii)~~(ii) cover all of the reel seat body.

6. **(Currently amended)** A fly fishing rod handle according to claim 5, wherein said top surface of said semi-cylindrical body and said side surfaces of said semi-cylindrical body have a convex trailing top end and side-convex bottom edges, respectively.
7. **(Original)** A fly fishing rod handle according to claim 6, further comprising a flange extending between said convex side edges adjacent the reel, wherein said flange prevents sliding of the hand of a user against the reel.
8. **(Original)** A fly fishing rod handle according to claim 5, wherein said cowl is adapted to be removably joined with the rod handle.
9. **(Currently amended)** A cowl attachment for use in a fly fishing rod assembly having a fixed ring and a reel seat body, and a up locking reel lock, said cowl attachment comprising:  
a semi-cylindrical body at least partially surrounding portions of the fixed ring and the reel seat body, extending past the fixed ring toward the up locking reel lock, and covering ~~the fixed ring and~~ at least a portion of the reel seat body when the semi-cylindrical body is positioned on the fixed ring and the reel seat body.
10. **(Currently amended)** A cowl attachment according to claim 9, wherein said semi-cylindrical body includes a top surface and side surfaces having a convex trailing top end and side-convex bottom edges, respectively.
11. **(Original)** A cowl attachment according to claim 10, further comprising a flange extending between said convex side edges adjacent the reel, wherein said flange prevents sliding of the hand of a user against the fly fishing reel.

12. (Original) A cowl attachment according to claim 9, wherein said cowl is adapted to be removably joined with a fly fishing rod handle.

13. (Original) A cowl attachment according to claim 11, wherein said flange is removably attached with said cowl attachment.

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